

surrounded by the enemy near the Cambodia border and crawled through the front lines to save his comrades. Despite his wounds, he was able to notify the U.S. helicopters of their location and valiantly called for artillery in order to prevent the enemy from advancing.

Private First Class Mann and Sergeant Grandstaff went above and beyond the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. It is most appropriate that the VA Medical Center in Spokane be renamed in honor of these two heroes.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I do also want to thank the sponsor of this legislation, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. She's the wife of a retired Navy commander, and she herself has proven to be a strong and steadfast advocate for veterans in Washington and around this country.

I also want to say thanks to my good friend, the new ranking member, MIKE MICHAUD, for his leadership in helping to move this legislation to the floor. He's been an active and valuable member of our committee since his first days in Congress almost a decade ago, and he himself has proven himself time and time again a strong voice for America's veterans.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous materials on H.R. 3197.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3197, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3197.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### WILLIAM "BILL" KLING VA CLINIC

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6443) to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans

Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, as the "William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6443

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. WILLIAM "BILL" KLING VA CLINIC.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentleman from Maine (Mr. MICHAUD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The legislation before us would name the VA community-based outpatient clinic in Sunrise, Florida, the William "Bill" Kling VA Clinic. William, better known as Bill, served as a Navy radar technician during the Second World War.

When he moved to Plantation, Florida, in 1973, Bill continued his service—this time as an advocate for his fellow veterans. He spent eight years as Florida's Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and twenty-seven years as the President of the Broward County Veterans Council. Bill was also a proud and active member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

In each of those capacities, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the struggles and triumphs of veterans in Broward County, in Florida, and around the county were properly recognized and respected.

He was instrumental in the opening of a VA CBOC in Oakland Park more than two decades ago and, when that facility became unserviceable, played an active role in relocating it to Sunrise.

Thanks in part to his efforts, the Broward County CBOC reopened in Sunrise in 2008 and has been helping to improve the health and daily lives of Broward County veterans each day since.

Today, the entrance to that ninety-eight thousand square foot clinic bears a plaque dedicated to Bill.

Given the leadership he has unquestionably shown on behalf of his fellow veteran Floridians, it is only proper that that facility should now also bear his name.

H.R. 6443 has received the unanimous support of Florida's Congressional delegation and Florida's major veterans service organizations (VSOs).

Among the VSOs who have provided letters of support in favor of this legislation are: the Vietnam Veterans of America Florida State Council, the American Legion Department of

Florida, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

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Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further speakers, but I do want to reserve the balance of my time so the gentleman from Maine can recognize the sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) such time as she may consume.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I thank the gentleman. I thank both gentlemen.

I rise to offer H.R. 6443, a bill that will designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health clinic located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in the city of Sunrise, Florida, as the William "Bill" Kling VA Clinic. I offer this bill, along with the entire Florida House delegation, to honor a beloved member of our south Florida veterans' community, William "Bill" Kling, who passed away, sadly, on August 6 at age 84.

My deepest appreciation goes out to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Chairman MILLER, who is a good friend from the great State of Florida, for supporting this effort and helping it to come to the floor.

Bill was a member of our greatest generation of Americans, serving our Nation as a radar technician for the Navy during World War II. But Bill's service to our Nation was far from over when he returned from war. In fact, it was just beginning.

Bill Kling became a national leader and one of the strongest advocates for our Nation's veterans. He was dedicated to helping generations of veterans as they returned to civilian life. He worked tirelessly to make sure our veterans were getting the benefits they deserved, from education under the GI Bill to quality health care through our VA system.

I'm sure my Florida colleagues will agree that Bill was a force to be reckoned with, ever brightening our congressional doorways, pushing the urgency of the issue at hand.

I know we are all grateful for the remarkable legacy he leaves behind, and he will be sorely missed. In particular, my thoughts and prayers go out to Bill's family, including his children, Marsha Mittentag and Steven Kling.

I had the distinct pleasure, Mr. Speaker, of working with Bill for the last 23 years and have witnessed firsthand the many ways he helped thousands of veterans in Florida. I'm also proud to have called him my friend. For the past 7 years, Bill served as the chair of my Military Academy Nominations Board, where he helped the next generation of military leaders realize their dream of serving the country they love.

For 8 years he served on the Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs, and for the past 27 years, as you've heard, he was the president of the Broward

County Veterans Council. He also led the Jewish War Veterans and was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans.

The list of superlatives for Bill is long and shows him as the great American that he was. Bill was inducted into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame, received the Humanitarian of the Year award from the Dolphin Democrats, and changed the scope of veterans' services in south Florida.

In particular, he helped bring the Alexander "Sandy" Nininger Veterans' Nursing Home to Pembroke Pines in 2001 and worked with other veterans to create the South Florida National Cemetery in Palm Beach in 2007.

One of Bill's greatest accomplishments and lasting legacies was ensuring that veterans would have easy access to quality medical care. Bill noticed that too often veterans in Broward County had to travel too far to go to a VA facility to get the care they needed. With that in mind, he helped open the Oakland Park VA outpatient clinic more than two decades ago. When the building the clinic occupied began deteriorating, Bill worked to open a brand new facility. Even though this effort took years, Bill kept a smile on his face and kept working to overcome every obstacle because that's just how Bill Kling operated.

So in 2008, a new 98,000-square-foot clinic opened in Sunrise, and fittingly on Bill's birthday. I think it's fair to say that without Bill Kling this wonderful center that serves thousands of our veterans each year might not exist.

With that in mind, my good friend and colleague, Congressman TED DEUTCH, and I and the rest of the delegation offer this legislation today which will rename the Broward outpatient clinic as the William "Bill" Kling VA Clinic. This is such a fitting way to memorialize and thank Bill Kling. With passage of this bill, every veteran who walks through the doors of the Broward VA Clinic will know the name of the man who did so much for so many.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support passage of this legislation so we may pay tribute to a great American, William "Bill" Kling.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I am grateful to my good friend from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) for bringing this legislation to the floor and honoring such a fine gentleman. I also again want to thank the ranking member for helping us work so quickly to bring this legislation to the floor.

I would also note that, in closing, a preliminary cost estimate provided by CBO, H.R. 6443 represents only a minimal cost to the Federal Government.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I now would yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTCH).

Mr. DEUTCH. I thank my friend from Maine.

I rise today and urge unanimous support for H.R. 6443, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Sunrise as the Bill Kling VA Clinic.

Naming this clinic after Bill Kling is more than a way to honor the memory of a great man. It's a most fitting way to acknowledge one of Bill's greatest accomplishments as a tireless advocate for south Florida's veterans.

Because of Bill Kling, Florida's veterans are better cared for. Year after year he fought for the benefits that our veterans so rightfully earned during their service, including education under the GI Bill and health care through the VA.

His achievements were many, but it was the opening of the clinic in Sunrise that Bill was the most proud of. He had previously assisted with the establishment of an outpatient clinic in Oakland Park. As the years passed and the facility was no longer suitable to care for the veterans, he started on what would be a 13-year project of establishing a new facility. After years of obstacles, the clinic opened in 2008 on his birthday. He commented at the time that the fight was not for a building, the fight was for better health care for our veterans. Now, thanks to Bill Kling and thanks to his vision, veterans in south Florida have a local VA health care facility available to them. The veterans from the west side of the county are able to receive medical assistance without the burden of having to travel long distances.

I urge my colleagues to join me in renaming this clinic in his honor. Every veteran cared for in this clinic is part of Bill's lasting legacy. I'm humbled to remember him today not just as a community leader but as a friend. I commend Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, my good friend and colleague, for her introduction of this bill and her comments honoring the memory of Mr. Kling. He truly was caring and compassionate, a loyal person and a loyal friend. He made everyone who crossed his path feel as though they were the most special person he knew.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, when we announced the legislation to rename this facility at the facility there were some veterans standing out in front waiting to go in. They asked what the hubbub was about, and they asked why all the TV cameras, and I explained to them who Bill Kling was and why this was being done. They were grateful for the opportunity to know, and now veterans just like those veterans, when they walk through the front door, will learn not only about Bill Kling but will learn of his example as a veteran for continuing to work hard every single day for his fellow veterans. What a great honor we're bestowing on his family by honoring his memory in this way.

Again, I urge my colleagues to unanimously support H.R. 6443, honoring this late, great American.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to offer my support of H.R. 6443, a bill to designate a Department of Vet-

erans Affairs facility in Sunrise, Florida, as the "William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic."

Mr. Kling was a World War II veteran, having served as a radar technician in the United States Navy.

He went on to serve as a staunch advocate for the veterans of Florida, including: 27 years as President of the Broward County Veterans Council, 8 years as Florida's Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, and Memberships with The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans and Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Kling fought for greater access to healthcare for his fellow veterans, which after 13 years of advocacy, led to the opening of this facility in Sunrise in 2008.

Moreover, Mr. Kling was also a key player in the opening of the South Florida National Cemetery in 2007 and the State Veterans Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines in 2001.

While Mr. Kling is no longer with us, his tireless advocacy on behalf of our Nation's veterans lives makes him the perfect candidate for the naming of the VA clinic in Sunrise.

Before yielding back my time, I'd also like to thank Chairman MILLER and your entire staff for working with the minority staff to bring these two bills before the House. But I also want to thank you for your friendship and your guidance over the years as we both served on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. I look forward to my new role as the ranking member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and look forward to working with you and your staff as well.

I want to thank you for your strong advocacy for our veterans. That's one of the reasons why I think we work very well together—we have a common goal, a common purpose to help our veterans and their families out. So I want to thank you and look forward to working with you in the upcoming Congress as well as the remainder of this Congress.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members would have 5 legislative days to revise and extend and add any extraneous material for H.R. 6443.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I appreciate the kind remarks by my good friend, the ranking member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. I once again encourage all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6443.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CANSECO). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS B. INABINETT, SR. POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6379) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the "Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6379

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS B. INABINETT, SR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume and ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 6379.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 6379, introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN), would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel,

South Carolina, as the Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office. This bill was introduced on September 12.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Inabinett is a long-standing and faithful citizen of South Carolina. He was born there in 1931 and attended grade school, college, and graduate school in the State. Later, he taught at Baptist High School in Charleston County and was appointed to the Charleston County Election Commission. He became the mayor of Ravenel, South Carolina, and joined the South Carolina House of Representatives where he served until 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Inabinett is a worthy designee of this postal facility naming, and I urge all Members to join me in support of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in a bipartisan way in the consideration of H.R. 6379 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office.

I am pleased to yield 5 minutes to the distinguished assistant Democratic leader, Congressman CLYBURN from the great State of South Carolina, for as much time as he may consume.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlery from New York for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6379, naming the post office in Ravenel, South Carolina, after Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr.

I want to thank my colleagues in the South Carolina congressional delegation for their support of this bill.

Curtis Inabinett was born in Islandton, South Carolina, to Cornelius Benjamin Inabinett and Eula Lee Stephens-Inabinett. When Curtis was 11, his father passed away, leaving Curtis, as the oldest of 11 siblings, to shoulder the responsibility of helping to manage the family farm and look after his younger brothers and sisters.

Curtis attended South Carolina State College, and after several years in the United States Army, he became a teacher at Baptist Hill High School in Charleston County, South Carolina, where he taught for 13 years. He then became the principal of R D Schroder Middle School, a position he held until his retirement in 1989.

His commitment to public service went beyond his passion for education. He and I got started in politics around the same time when he was appointed as the first African American on the Charleston County Election Commission. Later, Curtis would win a seat on the Ravenel Town Council, and in 1982, he became the first African American mayor of Ravenel.

In 1991, Curtis was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. He retired from the State house in 2000. Following the 2001 settlement of a redistricting lawsuit, Curtis became one of three African Americans who won seats on the Charleston County Council, where he served until 2011.

Throughout his tenure representing his hometown of Ravenel, whether as its mayor, its State representative, or on the county council, Curtis has been a fierce advocate for the needs of his community. He has broken down barriers throughout his life, and I'm sure the town of Ravenel will be proud to be the home of the Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, having no other speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from South Carolina has so eloquently put it, this is a fine, fine gentleman, well deserving of having this postal facility named after him. I urge all Members to support passage of H.R. 6379 and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6379.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### SIDNEY "SID" SANDERS MCMATH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3869) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3869

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SIDNEY "SID" SANDERS MCMATH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to